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ONE AND TWO.

By WALTER BESANT.

CHAPTER I.

"Nell," cried the boy, jumping about, unable to stand still for excitement, "it is splendid! He has told me such things as I never dreamed. Oh, splendid things! Wonderful things!"

"Tell me, Will,"

"I am ashamed. Well, then, he says—'he says,' the boy's face became crimson, 'he says that I can become what I please, if I please.'"

"Is it wonderful?"

"He dropped his voice, and his eyes glistened—his large dreamy eyes—and his cheeks glowed. 'If I choose to work! As if I should not choose to work! Only those fellows who have got no such glorious prospects are lazy. Work? Why, I am mad to work! I grudge every hour. Work? You shall see how I will work!'"

"He was a lad of 17, handsome, tall and straight; his eyes were full and limpid; his face was a long oval; his mouth delicate and fine, but perhaps not quite so firm as might have been desired. At this moment he had just held a conference with his private tutor. It took the form of a remonstrance and explanation. The remonstrance pointed out that his work was desultory and apt to be interrupted at any moment for any purpose; that steady grind was incompatible with the giving away of whole mornings to musical dreams at the piano, or to rambles in the woods, a book of poetry in hand. The explanation was to the effect that the great prices of the world are all within the reach of every clever lad who starts with a sufficiency of means and is not afraid of work, and that he himself—none other—possessed abilities which would justify him in aiming at the very highest.

But he must work—he must work. He had been to no school and knew nothing of competitions with other fellows. He must make up for that by hard grind. Think what it may mean to a young fellow of imagination and of dream. This throwing open of the gates of the temple of ambition, this invitation to mount the steps and enter that great and glittering dome. The temple within is all glorious with crowns of gold, set with precious stones, and with crowns of bay and laurel. Day and night ascends a hymn in praise of the living. They themselves—the living who have succeeded—stand on thrones of carved woodwork, precious beyond price, and hear and receive this homage all day long. This lad, only by looking in at the open doors, gazed and blushed and marvelled. His color came and went; his heart beat; he could not stand still.

His companion—they were in a country garden, and it was the spring of the year—was a girl of 15, who hung upon his words and adored him. Some women begin the voluntary servitude to the man they love at a very early age indeed. Nelly at 15 loved this boy of 17 as much as if they had both been 10 years older.

"Yes," she said timidly, and the manner of her saying it betrayed certain things. "And you will work, Will, won't you?"

"Work? Well, since your father has spoken those words of encouragement I feel that there is nothing but work left in me—regular work—methodical, systematic work, you know. Grind, grind, grind! No more music, no more singing, no more making rhymes—grind, grind, grind! I say, Nell, I've always dreamed you know."

"You have, Will."

"And to find that things may actually come to pass—actually—the finest things that ever I dreamed of—oh! 'It is wonderful, Will!' Both of them began to think that the finest things had already been achieved.

"It is like having your fortune doubled—trebled—multiplied by 50. If my fortune were multiplied by 50, I could spend no more, I could eat no more, I believe I could do no more with it."

"Genius," said the girl, blushing, because it really did seem an original thing to say, "is better than riches."

"It is, it is," the possessor of genius replied, with conviction. "To have enough is to have all. I can, if I please,

become a bishop, a judge, a statesman—anything, anything, Nell," his voice dropped, "the thought makes me tremble. I feel as if I shall not be equal to the position. There is personal dignity, you know."

The girl laughed. "You not equal, Will! Why, you are strong enough for anything."

"I have made up my mind what to do first of all. When I go to Cambridge, I shall take up classics. Of course I shall carry off all the university scholarships, and the medals, and the prizes. Oh, and I must speak at the union! I must lead at the union, and I must be an athlete!" He was tall and thin, and he stretched out his long arms. "I shall row in the boat—the varsity boat, of course. I shall play in the eleven."

"Oh, Will, you are too ambitious."

"No man," he said severely, "can be too ambitious. I would grasp all. I must sweep the board."

"And then?"

"Ah! There, I have not yet decided—the law, to maintain the social order; the house, to rule the nation. Literature, science, art—whichever."

"In whatever you do, Will, you are certain to rise to the front rank."

"Certain. Your father says so. Oh, I feel as if I was already a leader of the house. It is a splendid thing to rule the house. I feel as if I was lord chancellor in my robes on the woolsack. Nothing so grand as to be lord chancellor. I feel as if I was archbishop of Canterbury. It is a most splendid thing to be archbishop of Canterbury. What could be more splendid? He wears lawn sleeves, and he sits in the house of lords. But I must work. The road to all these splendid things, as your father says, is through work. It wants an hour yet to dinner. I will give that hour to Euripides. No more waste of time for me."

He ran into the room.

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There are few things that cannot be carried to excess, however excellent they may be, in themselves considered. Even a baby may be fussed over, and doted over, and taken care of, and coddled, till it is in danger of growing up a weakling. If it grows up at all. On this point the New York Tribune lately had a few sensible paragraphs. "When my first child was born," said Mrs. A., "I had the usual young mother's craze for a daintily kept baby. The layette was one of those gorgeous gifts affairs, with frocks which Victoria, I am sure, would have thought much too fine for the royal children—besides every conceivable fantasy in which the most luxurious-minded infant could be by any possibility be attended. I used to gloat over the sachet-scented, exquisite little belongings, and the moment I was up and about after baby's birth I began to play doll with my small daughter, decking her out in first one thing and then another."

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"I did take note that her hair wouldn't grow; that worried me, for, no matter how becomingly dressed, a child with a billiard-ball style of coiffure does not realize the fondest dreams of the maternal heart. I sewed dolls' crimps in her bonnets, which was all very well for outings, but inadequate for home, so finally I called in the doctor."

"He was a grumpy person, very curt and not over-elate at times. 'Bathed too much,' he said, briefly. 'Look at her skin—all the life washed out of it. Too much care given that child. Let her get dirty and stay dirty. Nothing better for children than judicious neglect.'"

"It was a new idea and I went to work at it. Very shortly we went to our country place, and I noticed the farmers' babies, who are almost any kind of country food, sat in puddles and went bare-headed whether the rain fell or the sun scorched. They were inevitable victims of future dyspepsia, but the fact remained that, as babies, they were sturdy and rosy, and mine wasn't; and I concluded to try judicious neglect."

"I invested in gingham pinafores and stout shoes, dumped a load of clean sand at the side door, and inaugurated a perpetual feast of mud-pies. Pauline was instructed not to say 'Don't,' save in extreme moments, and baby began to live the life of a young animal left to the beneficent care of sunshine and fresh air, undisturbed save at regular intervals for food and sleep."

"I bought a pig that she might hang over the pen and tickle piggy's back with a stick. It afforded her hours of pure rapture to echo the pig's grunts with her silvery cry, and in some mysterious fashion the association was conducive to health. I never could understand why, only it was. She would always return blooming and serene, and if to a nap, slept better after having spent this pleasant period with her porcine friend."

"I bought chickens that she might feed them, got doves and other pets about the place, finding that animals gave interest but no overstimulation to the baby nerves. In short, I never had my wax doll again; but in the autumn I carried home a blooming, sturdy little maid whose splendid spirits and perfect health more than compensated for occasional mud stains and torn pinafores."

Boria's.
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The Ruby.
The ruby in the center of the Maltese cross on the top of the British crown is the stone that was given to the Black Prince by King Pedro of Castile after the battle of Najara. Henry V. of England wore it in his helmet at the battle of Agincourt.

When people try to show all the lore there is in them, they are tried for insanity.

Limitations.
"No," sighed the evil one, "we can't do a thing with actors. The minute we try to make it hot for them they get up a beautiful performance, and, of course, you know that means a frost."

Even the supernatural, it seemed, had occasionally to meet up with limitations.—Detroit Tribune.

HOW TO MAKE LOVE.

New and Very Novel, Though Not Successful, Method.

A good story is told of a young man who had gained access to the house of one of the richest and most aristocratic families in the city. He fell in love with the only daughter of the house, and tried to ingratiate himself with her in every possible manner, especially by bringing her the latest publications.

One day the father of the young lady found one of these books lying on the table, and began glancing through it. In one of the chapters he found a number of words underlined with a lead pencil—not beautiful passages, but insignificant words as "I" and "you."

He turned over leaf after leaf, and found everywhere the same thing.

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Was in the Mexican War and is Now Used as a Curstone Fender.

Almost the only relic in existence of the battery that was established in this city during the Mexican war is an old cannon that is at present doing duty as a curstone fender. At the time the battery was constructed it was on the edge of the bay and near where the corner of Broadway and Sansome street now is. When peace was declared, the battery was dismantled and the material of any use was carried away. For some reason one cannon was left behind, carriage and all. There appeared to be nothing the matter with it, and it was even used several times to fire Fourth of July salutes.

As the years went by the carriage was moved away and remained lying on the ground for a time. When Battery street was cut through, it received its name from the old fort, and the cannon was rolled down to the edge of the curb as a reminder of the old days.

How long it lay there is a question that nobody can answer, for those who might have done so are all dead. At any rate it is known that a patriotic drayman concluded that the cannon should be taken care of. He got a number of volunteers, and when the curstone was put in the crowd carried it to the corner and poked its muzzle down into a hole. It has remained there ever since.—San Francisco Call.

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